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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

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SUBJECT: NEPAL AND NON-ALIGNED MEETING BELGRADE

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1. NEPALESE DELEGATION TO BELGRADE IS HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER KRISHNA RAJ ARYAL AND ALSO INCLUDES JOINT SECRETARY JAGDISH RANA, UNDERSECRETARY NARENDRA BIKRAM SHAH AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION OFFICER NARAYAN S. THAPA. WHEN REF A WAS RECEIVED HERE, ARYAL HAD ALREADY LEFT ON OFFICIAL TRIP TO NORTH KOREA ACCOMPANYING PRINCES GYANENDRA AND DHIRENDRA. ARYAL WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY TO BELGRADE FROM THERE. RANA AND SHAH DEPARTED KATHMANDU JULY 18 SHORTLY AFTER REF A RECEIVED. WE WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH SHAH FOR BRIEF DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF TALKING POINTS IN WRITING. HE WILL SHARE THESE WITH REST OF DELEGATION IN BELGRADE.

2. SHAH WAS GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE US VIEWS AND SAID THEY WERE SHARED BY GON. HE FORESAW A MEETING MARKED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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FRONTATION AND SAID THAT THE GON LIKE THE USG WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CREDIBILITY AND RESPECTABILITY OF THE NAM. THE NACB, HE SAID, WAS IN THE HANDS OF THE MORE EXTREME COUNTRIES. UNLIKE ALGERIA DURING ITS CHAIRMANSHIP, SRI LANKA HAD NOT PLAYED A VERY ACTIVE ROLE.

3. NEPAL WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE A MODERATE POSITION, SHAH

SAID. ON AFRICAN QUESTIONS IT WOULD FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE OAU KHARTOUM SUMMIT. HE NOTED THAT THE KHARTOUM PREPARATORY MEETING JUST CONCLUDED HAD ENDORSED BOTH PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE AND RIGHT OF MEMBER COUNTRIES TO INVITE OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. HE OBSERVED WRYLY THAT IN THIS CONNECTION THE US DISPATCH OF FORCES TO LEBANON AT THE INVITATION OF THE BEIRUT GOVERNMENT HAD PROVIDED A PRECEDENT WHICH WAS BEING CITED NOW.

4. SHAH RECALLED THAT AT SEVERAL PREVIOUS NAM MEETINGS, HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SCENE. HE HAD FOUND HIS CONTACTS WITH THEM MOST HELPFUL AND HOPED THAT HE WOULD AGAIN BE CONTACTED IN BELGRADE.

5. ALTHOUGH WE WERE NOT ABLE TO COMMUNICATE CONTENTS REF A DIRECTLY TO ARYAL OR RANA, WE HAD SEVERAL OCCASIONS LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS BELGRADE MEETING WITH ARYAL AND FOREIGN SECRETARY BHATT, AND COVERED SOME OF ISSUES LISTED IN REF (A). FOLLOWING EMERGED:

A. GENERAL: FOREIGN SECRETARY BHATT WONDERED OUT LOUD SEVERAL TIMES JOKINGLY WHETHER WE AND CHINESE HAD COMPARED NOTES AND WERE COORDINATING OUR REPRESENTATIONS TO GON BECAUSE HE SAID "YOU BOTH SEEM TO BE WORRIED ABOUT THE SAME SUBJECTS AND MAKE THE SAME POINTS". WE
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ASSURED HIM THIS WAS NOT THE CASE.

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B. CUBA: BOTH ARYAL AND BHATT ACKNOWLEDGED THIS WAS TROUBLESOME ISSUE. BHATT SAID CHINESE CURRENTLY SEEMED TO BE LEADING THE ATTACK ON CUBA AND WERE ACTIVELY CAMPAIGNING AGAINST CUBA BECAUSE OF ITS CONNECTIONS WITH USSR AND ITS ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. IN ADDITION, YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR BASED IN NEW DELHI HAD RECENTLY VISITED KATHMANDU TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FROM THE GON FOR ITS VIEWS. BHATT LEFT IMPRESSION THAT YUGOSLAVS WERE TORN BETWEEN CHALLENGING CUBA'S CREDENTIALS TO HOST SUMMIT MEETING AND OVERRIDING NEED FOR NON-ALIGNED UNITY. BOTH ARYAL AND BHATT SEPARATELY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ORIGINAL MISTAKE HAD BEEN TO ADMIT CUBA BUT HAVING DONE SO NAM COULD NOT TURN ITS BACK ON CUBA. THEY EXPECTED NAM TO PAPER OVER CURRENT DIFFERENCES AND AGREE TO GO TO HAVANA FOR SUMMIT. IF THIS COURSE OF ACTION IS FOLLOWED, ARYAL SPECULATED THAT MODERATES LIKE NEPAL WOULD STILL HAVE OPTION EITHER OF NOT SENDING DELEGATION TO HAVANA OR HAVING LOW RANKING DELEGATION. SO FAR NEPALESE KINGS HAVE ATTENDED ALL SUMMIT MEETINGS BUT IF CUBA CONTINUES PRESENT POLICIES, KING MAY WELL NOT ATTEND.

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C. PAKISTAN: BHATT CONFIRMED THAT NEPAL WOULD SUPPORT PAKISTAN'S APPLICATION TO ATTEND BELGRADE MEETING AS GUEST OR OBSERVER. BHATT WENT ON TO SAY THAT WHILE NEPAL WELCOMED PAKISTAN AFFILIATION WITH NAM, SIZE OF NON-ALIGNED GROUP WAS GETTING OUT OF HAND AND THIS WAS A PROBLEM WHICH NAM WOULD HAVE TO RETHINK. PAKISTAN'S CENTO MEMBERSHIP DID NOT TROUBLE BHATT BECAUSE, AS HE NOTED, CUBA AND NORTH KOREA BOTH HAD DEFENSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH USSR. HOWEVER, NOW THAT TURKEY ALSO WANTED TO JOIN IN ORDER TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR ITS CYPRIOT POLICIES THERE WAS A NEED TO REVIEW MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA.

D. ROK: BOTH ARYAL AND BHATT CONFIRMED THAT ROK EMBASSY IN KATHMANDU HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MFA (SEOUL 6001) REGARDING ROK UNHAPPINESS WITH YUGOSLAV DRAFT AND MFA HAS INFORMED KOREAN EMBASSY THAT GON IS ALSO TROUBLED BY YUGOSLAV DRAFT AND IS PREPARED AT BELGRADE TO WORK TOWARDS MORE MODERATE AND BALANCED LANGUAGE AND IF NECESSARY EXPRESS RESERVATIONS.
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